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**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**JOHN M. M. CALDWELL, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING**

**December 11, 1997**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The December 11, 1997, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by John M. M. Caldwell, Sr., Board President.

James Albert Riley, the DeSoto County Sheriff, was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

Jessie Medlin-----District 1  
Eugene C. Thach-----District 2  
James D. Pearson-----District 3  
John Caldwell-----District 4  
Tommy Lewis-----District 5  
W. E. ASluggo@ Davis-----Chancery Clerk  
James Albert Riley-----Sheriff  
Clovis Reed-----County Administrator  
William H. Austin, Jr.-----Board Attorney

**B. INVOCATION**

The invocation was presented by Supervisor John Caldwell.

**C. LEGISLATIVE "WISH LIST"**

Supervisor John Caldwell welcomed State Representative Wanda Jennings, State Representative Valeria Robertson, State Representative Pat Miller, State Representative Tommy Woods and Senator Bill Minor and complemented them on their work to fulfill the items presented by the Board of Supervisors on the 1996 "Wish List" Supervisor Caldwell explained that the Board of Supervisors has compiled a new list containing various items needed in DeSoto County and are asking the Mississippi Legislature to

consider these items during the 1998 Legislative Session. Supervisor Caldwell presented several items of statistical data pointing out DeSoto County's contribution to the State of Mississippi, including that DeSoto County is rated 7th in the National Growth Potential Index; DeSoto County has experienced a 20.1% population increase since 1990, a growth in residential building permits of 161% since 1991; an indication of the flow of DeSoto County property assessment values which ranks DeSoto County 5th of the 82 counties in Mississippi in highest assessed values; and an indication that DeSoto County has experienced a 54% increase in state tax collections since 1993.

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The Board of Supervisors presented and discussed the following items for consideration by the Mississippi Legislature in 1998:

**1. Amend Civic Center Legislation to allow tourism tax proceeds to be used for operational expenses.**

2% Supervisor John Caldwell explained the need for flexibility of funding for the Sales Tax associated with the Civic Center. Facts show the county may have to make up for short files from property tax rather than letting the 2% tax support the maintenance of the Civic Center. The Board of Supervisors explained that the citizens of DeSoto County had voted to approve the 2% Sales Tax for the funding of the Civic Center in DeSoto County and because of limitations connected to the disbursal of the Sales Tax, the citizens of DeSoto County may have to use money from property tax collection for some of the Civic Center expenses. Senator Bill Minor asked to get a bill from the County in early January in support of this item because such legislation has to go through local and private legislation.

**2. Reducing reliance on property taxes and sharing sales tax.**

Supervisor Eugene Thach and Supervisor John Caldwell explained the need to share in sales tax proceeds. Senator Bill Minor explained that other counties may not benefit from such legislation as much as DeSoto County. Senator Minor says he supports counties voting on the sales tax with money going back to the cities and counties respectively by population. Supervisor John Caldwell said that this Board of Supervisors is not asking for a tax increase, but rather are looking at long range planning in DeSoto County.

**3. Sharing of Gaming Revenues.**

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if other counties had asked for this legislation. Representative Pat Miller explained reasons why legislators do not like to open this up on the floor. Representative Pat said detrimental legislation is likely to occur if this items is opened up on the floor. Senator Bill Minor said that sooner or later this may happen, but the state could put the industry out of business by assessing excessive taxation on the gaming industry, therefore, this legislation is not likely to happen in the near future.

**4. Recovery of Collection Cost for Delinquent Fines and Fees for Justice**

Court.

the Supervisor John Caldwell explained that the Board of Supervisors believe that fine cost of collecting fines and fees for Justice Court should be added back to the or fee and paid by the person who fails to pay the charge. The Board is

requesting legislative authority to assess collection cost for delinquent fines and fees in Justice Court.

**5. Refreshments at official meetings or gatherings.**

County Administrator Clovis Reed explained that because Mississippi Counties are not authorized to pay for coffee or refreshments at official meetings, these refreshments are usually provided by employees. Consequently, the Board of Supervisors is requesting legislative authority to fund refreshments for official meetings or gatherings within established guidelines. Senator Bill Minor said he thought they had passed that legislation but asked what the maximum dollar

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amount requested should be. The Board of Supervisors discussed the needs of the county in this area and suggested establishing a ceiling of \$500.00 per month or some figure adequate to handle these needs in DeSoto County.

**6. Establishment of vending machine funds for use by County Employees.**

Senator Bill Minor said he was almost certain this legislation had already passed. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked the legislatures to send a copy of this bill.

**7. Rental of Road Equipment.**

Supervisor John Caldwell explained the problems associated with current limitations set by legislation in this area. Pat Miller asked for clarification of these problems. The County Administrator, Clovis Reed, explained that if a piece of equipment breaks down you can rent machinery to finish that job, but you cannot start a new job using rented equipment. Because the bidding process takes such a long time it is likely that a work season could be greatly shortened due to the length of time it takes to carry the equipment through the bidding process.

**8. Existing Highway 304 to remain under the jurisdiction of the Mississippi Department of Transportation.**

The Board of Supervisors explained to the legislators that current plans are to turn Highway 304 back to the county when the new road is built. The Board of Supervisors said they would like to see the new Highway 304 be designated an interstate and old Highway 304 remain a state highway. Senator Bill Minor said the county was told the old highway would go back to the county upon completion of new Highway 304. Senator Minor explained that legislation is not likely to be supportive. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if there would be a push for the project. Senator Bill Minor said he thinks so and said they want to buy property before development becomes too heavy in this area. Representative Valeria Robertson explained that she had pushed for I-69 to come through DeSoto County. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the legislators had more information on Highway 305. Representative Valeria Robertson said they are supposed to start in the summer and she would recheck on the status of this project. Senator Bill Minor said only primary funds can be used on this highway. 87 funds and gaming funds cannot be used for Highway 305. Supervisor Tommy Lewis notified the legislators that there are some families who cannot sell their house and are being held "hostage" in anticipation of these long range plans.

**9. Utility Billings.**

The Board of Supervisors explained that this request is to allow customer lists to be shared between public utilities and counties and to further allow that public

utilities be authorized to contract with counties to bill and collect water, sewer and other services. The Board of Supervisors explained that garbage collections were the source of this request. Senator Bill Minor explained that Marshall County has had problems in this area as well. Senator Minor explained the process of adding these collections to property tax collections where houses were on the property. This has resulted in competitive collections. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked about utility companies supplying information to aid in verifying collections. Senator Bill Minor said he feels all households should participate in garbage collections. County Administrator, Clovis Reed, asked why the county cannot negotiate with power companies to collect garbage fees. Senator Bill Minor explained that this practice is not constitutional.

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### **10 Use of radar by the DeSoto County Sheriff's Department**

Supervisor John Caldwell explained that the Board of Supervisors is asking the DeSoto County Sheriff's Department be allowed to use Radar. The legislators and Board of Supervisors discussed this request. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked why this item has been kept from a vote in the past. Senator Bill Minor said it has been voted on less than ever. Representative Pat Miller said this request is not likely to pass in the Mississippi Legislature as there is not much "county" left. Supervisor John Caldwell explained that the state cannot use radar in the City of Southaven. Supervisor Eugene Thach requested the legislators correct that problem. Senator Bill Minor said the Supreme Court would have to correct that and discussed how the City of Jackson had used the Radar in the state. Representative Valeria Robertson said she hopes to go to the speaker on this matter. Supervisor John Caldwell said that anything the legislator can do would be appreciated. Board Attorney, Bill Austin, cited Section 63-3-519 of the Mississippi Code as the code affecting this situation.

### **11 Deficit funding bill for Drivers License Station**

Supervisor James Pearson said that DeSoto County was promised a building for use as a Drivers License station in DeSoto County but got a house trailer instead. Representative Valeria Robertson said that she gets calls about this situation often.

### **12 Funding of Medicaid eligibility Worker**

The Board of Supervisors request that funding for an eligibility worker for Medicaid become the responsibility of the state once again. Supervisor John Caldwell explained that DeSoto County is not in a position to fund this worker.

### **13 Separate Circuit and Chancery Districts for DeSoto County**

The Board of Supervisors clarified that this request is from the Circuit Judge only and said the Chancery Judge does not agree with the recommendation to redistrict for Chancery purposes. Chancery Clerk, W.E. "Sluggo" Davis, explained the Chancery Judge feels the current districting setup is appropriate for Chancery Clerk, the system has worked well and in many ways saved money for the county and the district.

### **14. County Attorney's Salary**

The Board of Supervisors explained that in the absence of adequate funding, the Board is asking about local and private funding for the position of County Attorney. Senator Bill Minor said that you need local and private but funding could be both ways.

**15. Payment for Planning Commission Members**

The Board of Supervisors explained to the legislators that the commissioners in the county work late hours often. Representative Tommy Woods said that he is working on that bill now. The Board Attorney, Bill Austin, explained that this request is for E-911 Commissions, Board of Adjustments, etc., with the Board of Supervisors setting up a scale based on the hours worked. Senator Bill Minor said this may need to be done as a general bill. Representative Tommy Woods

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county                said he already has this legislation worked out for the city and can add the if they will send a Resolution in support of same. Supervisor Eugene Thach clarified that the Board of Supervisors is not asking for additional pay but per diem.

**16. Request for Road and Bridge Support**

Supervisor Eugene Thach said road and bridge support is very much needed in DeSoto County.

**17. Request to participate in Annexation Process.**

Supervisor John Caldwell said that the Board of Supervisors is asking for legislation to bring the Supervisors into the annexation process so that the county can be represented fairly in this process. Senator Bill Minor said he feels this will result in many problems for the Supervisors. Supervisor Eugene Thach clarified that this was a request from the Association of Supervisors, not this Board. Senator Bill Minor said that this request was not likely to happen.

in                    18. County Administrator, Clovis Reed, said there is far more unincorporated areas DeSoto County and he would like to send a map of the newly incorporated areas to the legislators for their benefit.

Chancery Clerk, W.E. "Sluggo" Davis, said that Senator Bill Hawks could not be at this meeting today as he had a meeting in Jackson, Mississippi, that was in conflict with this meeting.

**See Exhibit C**

**D.     OLD BUSINESS**

**1.       Merritt Powell - Planning Commission**

Sam Russell of the DoSoto County Planning Commission, represented their request to the Board of Supervisors.

- a. Accessory Buildings**
- b. Permit Payment Policy**
- c. Bond Reductions**
- d. Standards For Used Car Lots and Concrete Plants**

The Planning Commission brought several items before the Board of Supervisors as evidenced by the portion of the minutes submitted by the Planning Commission.

Sam Russell of the DeSoto County Planning Commission, reminded the Board of Supervisors that there will be a GIS presentation at City Hall by Fisher and Arnold on Wednesday, December 17th.

Sam Russell of the DeSoto County Planning Commission, explained that the Mississippi Transportation Conference will hold a meeting on October 18-21, 1998, on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and has requested a representative from the county to serve on this technical program committee. Mr. Russell said that the County Administrator, Clovis Reed, feels participation in this program could benefit the county. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor

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Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to appoint Supervisor Eugent Thach to represent DeSoto County at the Mississippi Transportation Conference on October 18-21, 1998. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**See Exhibit D.1.**

**2.. Kenny Gunn - Update on Erosion at Short Creek**

Road Manager, Kenny Gunn, said the Soil Conservation Service thinks this area will qualify, but will have to wait for another big rain to do so.

**a. Equipment-Strawblower**

The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn, explained that the county has purchased a new Strawblower. The original Strawblower, which was too small to handle the county's needs and was purchased in 1993, is no longer being used. The Board of Supervisors instructed the Road Manager to put the original Strawblower to use in such a way to best benefit DeSoto County.

**b. Logging Permits**

The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn, requested approval to work with the Board Attorney, Bill Austin, to establish guidelines for loggers traveling DeSoto County roads for approval by the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor John Caldwell told the Road Manager to work with the Board Attorney as needed.

**See Exhibit D.2.b.**

**3. Sheriff James Albert Riley - Report of Prisoner Medical Expense Breakdown By City**

in Sheriff James Albert Riley prepared a list of medical invoices billed to the cities 1997 as requested by the Board previously. The Board of Supervisors discussed the Mayor's request to share in the cost savings associated with the Doctor on staff for DeSoto County. The Board discussed that these costs would be for doctor bills only. The usage figures were discussed. The Board of Supervisors also discussed a fair way to determine the cost sharing of the cities for medical usage. County Administrator, Clovis Reed, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis suggested using population to determine the city share of prisoner medical expenses. Supervisor John Caldwell suggested using a share plus a certain amount per visit. The Board of Supervisors discussed this issue and all agreed that a fair settlement for these costs should be determined. Clovis Reed said this would apply to doctor bills and pharmacy bills. Supervisor John Caldwell speculated that record keeping costs could escalate under a shared program with the cities. Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion for the cities and county to share the cost of doctor bills only

based on whatever is each cities fair share for doctor and pharmacy bills. The motion died for a lack of a second.

**See Exhibit D.3.**

**E.     ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - Sale of Bonds**

Demery Grubbs of Holley, Grubbs, Mitcham & Phillips, appeared before the Board of Supervisors and notified the Board that Moody's Bond Rating Companies changed their Bond Rating Schedule with DeSoto County's rating set at A-2. After the recent Bond presentation, Moody's updated DeSoto County's Bond Rating to A-1. Standard and Poor's Bond Rating Company rated the county with an A+ Rating with a positive outlook and said DeSoto County is in line for an upgrade because of rapid growth, good management and cited as a positive point the growth of fund balances over the last three (3) years. Mr. Grubbs clarified that surplus revenues convey good management rather indicate that the county is keeping a surplus of cash on hand. Mr. Grubbs said that no other county has this high a rating on both presentations.

Demery Grubbs said that he is appearing before the Board of Supervisors to open bids on the Administration Building and Courthouse Renovation. The Bids were opened and read as follows:

| Name of Bidder  | Interest Rate |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Duncan Williams | 4.892859%     |
| Morgan Keegan   | 4.862662%     |
| J.C. Bradford   | 4.8736%       |
| First Tennessee | 4.828127%     |

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to take the bids under advisement. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

of Later in the meeting, Demery Grubs came before the Board of Supervisors after review the bids and said he recommends accepting First Tennessee with an interest Rate of 4.828127% for the sale of these Bonds.

As requested by Supervisor John Caldwell, Demery Grubbs explained the Bond Rating Process. Demery Grubbs noted that the interest rates received are in line with the market. As requested by Supervisor John Caldwell, Demery Grubbs explained the Bond Rating process and the fees associated with same. Mr. Grubbs said the cost of issuance sheet includes cost except for the paying agent. Mr. Grubbs says this is the below 2% which is normally done, upon closing of the issue and is paid by the development bank. Demery Grubbs further explained the cost relating to the Bond Issue.

The Board of Supervisors discussed the Issuer Council Fee. Demery Grubbs told the Board of Supervisors that a local attorney is always obtained for the sale of bonds. This local attorney has to sign off on all documents. Mr. Grubbs said that state law dictates the amount charged by the Issuer and said the amount charged in this Bond Issuance is below the maximum charge allowed. Supervisor John Caldwell clarified that he is questioning the process and not this particular amount.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the cost of Issuance for these Bonds as recommended. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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| Jessie Medlin | Yes |
| Gene Thach    | Yes |
| Jake Pearson  | Yes |
| John Caldwell | No  |
| Tommy Lewis   | Yes |

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Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to take the low bid from First Tennessee as noted above and approved adopting a Resolution in connection with this matter. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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| Jessie Medlin | Yes    |
| Gene Thach    | Yes    |
| Jake Pearson  | Absent |
| John Caldwell | Yes    |
| Tommy Lewis   | Yes    |

Dave Nicholson, Allen & Hoshall, did notify the Board of Supervisors that he has need of presenting the final plans for the Administration Building at a January meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

**See Exhibit E**

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Dale Thompson, Comptroller**

The Comptroller, Dale Thompson brought the following items before the Board of Supervisors for consideration:

**a. Interfund Loans**

County Administrator, Clovis Reed, presented a recommendation from Comptroller Dale Thompson, for Board approval for Interfund Loan as follows:

From: General County001-000-053 \$60,556  
To: Administrative  
Building Bond 120-000-148 \$60,556

to be repaid upon receipt of Bond proceeds.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to approve the Interfund Loan as recommended by the Comptroller. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**b. Budget Transfers**

From: Metro Narcotics Seized funds623-900-950 \$2,210  
To: Metro Narcotics Forfeitures 105-000-384 \$2,210



At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to authorize and instruct the Chancery Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Section 41-29-185 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and pursuant to the above. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

**See Exhibit F.1.b.**

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**c. Budget Amendments**

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed, presented a recommendation from the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, for Board approval of a budget amendment for Operations and Maintenance as follows:

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| Lower    | Advertising | 001-150-521 | \$600.00 |
| Increase | Purchase of |             |          |
|          | Truck       | 001-150-930 | \$600.00 |

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code for the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1997, and ending September 30, 1998. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment as shown above.

**See Exhibit F.1.c.**

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed, presented a recommendation from the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, for Board approval of a budget amendment for Solid Waste for the purchase of a personal computer as follows:

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| Lower    | 112-340-935 | \$2,000 |
| Increase | 112-340-936 | \$2,000 |

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code for the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1997, and ending September 30, 1998. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for Solid Waste as recommended by the Comptroller as shown above. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

**See Exhibit F.1.c.**

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed, presented a recommendation from the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, for Board approval of a budget amentment for the purchase of uniforms for Metro Narcotics Agents as follows:

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| Lower | Computer Equipment | 105-227-936 | \$725 |
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In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code for the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1997, and ending September 30, 1998. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to approve budget amendment for  
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Metro Narcotics as shown above. **The motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

**See Exhibit F.1.c.**

**d. Civic Center**

**(1) Invoice from Johnson, Bailey, Henderson & McNeel**

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to approve payment of the invoice from Johnson, Bailey, Henderson & McNeel for work done on the DeSoto County Civic Center for two (2) invoices; one in the amount of \$3,250 for Professional Services and the other in the amount of \$48,480 for Schematics. With both invoices being recommended for payment by the DeSoto County Convention and Visitors Bureau the **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

**See Exhibit F.1.d.(1).**

**(2) Request for Payment to Hunter's Interest**

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to approve payment of the invoice from Hunter's Interest for work done on the DeSoto County Civic Center for \$24,512.43. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

**2. Homestead Corrections**

Chancery Clerk, W.E. "Sluggo" Davis, recommended the Board of Supervisors various Homestead Corrections. At the recommendation of the Chancery Clerk, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the Homestead Corrections as presented by the Chancery Clerk. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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|---------------|--------|
| Jessie Medlin | Absent |
| Gene Thach    | Yes    |
| Jake Pearson  | Yes    |
| John Caldwell | Yes    |
| Tommy Lewis   | Yes    |

**See Exhibit F.2.**

3. Walls Library, TDL Contractors - Request for Pay (Exhibit)

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve payment of Invoice #01826 in the amount of \$31,829 to TDL Contractors for work on the Walls Library. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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| Jessie Medlin | Absent |
| Gene Thach    | Yes    |
| Jake Pearson  | Yes    |
| John Caldwell | Yes    |
| Tommy Lewis   | Yes    |

See Exhibit F.3.

4. Copy Machine Rental Agreement, Accounting - State Contract (Exhibit)

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the state contract rental agreement with IKON for a copy machine to be used in the Accounting Department as recommended by Margaret Stevens of DeSoto County Purchasing. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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|---------------|--------|
| Jessie Medlin | Absent |
| Gene Thach    | Yes    |
| Jake Pearson  | Yes    |
| John Caldwell | Yes    |
| Tommy Lewis   | Yes    |

See Exhibit F.4.

5. Margaret Stevens - Purchasing

a. AS/400 Bid Recommendation (Exhibit)

Margaret Stevens of DeSoto County Purchasing and Marsha Baughn, Director of Data Processing, presented a recommendation for the purchase of the AS/400 upgrade. It was determined that the low bid for this upgrade from Dynamix was the lowest and most responsive bidder at a bid price of \$278,925. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked from who's budget the money would come. County Administrator, Clovis Reed, responded that this upgrade would come through the Data Processing budget. Marsha Baughn said that this upgrade should support the system for the next five years and will take care of the year 2000 conversion. Ms. Baughn said that this system upgrade will make the 2000 conversion possible. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if everything is in the process of being planned or handled for that conversion. Marsha Baughn responded yes. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of Margaret Stevens and Marsha Baughn to award the bid for the AS/400 upgrade to the low bidder Dynamix for the bid amount of \$278,925. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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| Jessie Medlin | Yes |
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| Gene Thach    | Absent |
| Jake Pearson  | Absent |
| John Caldwell | Yes    |
| Tommy Lewis   | Yes    |

**See Exhibit F.5.a.**

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**b. Request for Sole Source Purchase - Searchlight for Helicopter**

Margaret Stevens of DeSoto County Purchasing, notified the Board of Supervisors that the recently purchased SX16 Searchlight did not meet FAA standards for use in the Aviation Unit of the DeSoto County Sheriff's Department. Therefore, it is necessary that another searchlight be approved for sole source purchase. Ms. Stevens indicated that P.O. #49203 has been paid by check #5418 in connection with invoice #52444 and in the amount of \$15,803. The new searchlight will cost \$14,190 and will also be purchased from Spectrolab, Inc. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to declare that the previously purchased searchlight did not meet FAA standards and to approve the sole source purchase for another searchlight for DeSoto County Aviation Unit as requested and recommended by Margaret Stevens of DeSoto County Purchasing.

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|---------------|--------|
| Jessie Medlin | Yes    |
| Gene Thach    | Absent |
| Jake Pearson  | Absent |
| John Caldwell | Yes    |
| Tommy Lewis   | Yes    |

**See Exhibit F.5.b.**

**6. Authorization for County Administrator to Open Bids**

- a. 12/30/97 - 2 or more Rotary Mowers**
- b. 12/30/97 - 80hp Crawler Dozer**
- c. 12/12/97 - 5 single axle dump trucks, 1 single axle lube truck, 1 single axle boom truck**

As requested by the County Administrator, Supervisor James Pearson made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve authorizing the County Administrator to open bids on December 30th for 2 or more rotary mowers and for an 80 horsepower crawler dozer and to open bids on December 12th for 5 single axle dump trucks, 1 single axle lube truck, 1 single axle boom truck. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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|---------------|--------|
| Jessie Medlin | Absent |
| Gene Thach    | Yes    |
| Jake Pearson  | Yes    |
| John Caldwell | Yes    |
| Tommy Lewis   | Yes    |

**See Exhibit F.6.**

**7. Approval of Unmarked Vehicle for Sheriff's Department -**

**VIN#2FAFP74W8WX101994**

Sheriff James A. Riley presented a vehicle and requested that he be authorized to allow this vehicles to remain unmarked. Pursuant to the authority outlined in Section 19-25-15 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, which authorizes the DeSoto County Sheriff's Department to use not

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more than twenty (20) unmarked cars, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to approve the unmarked vehicle VIN #2FAFP74W8WX101994 listed on Exhibit F.7. attached, to remain unmarked for the reasons as shown: and, furthermore asked that a certified copy of this order, along with the attachments, be forwarded to the State of Mississippi department of Audit. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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| Jessie Medlin | Absent |
| Gene Thach    | Yes    |
| Jake Pearson  | Yest   |
| John Caldwell | Yes    |
| Tommy Lewis   | Yes    |

**8. T. H. Walker - Civil Defense - Report on Non Profit Organization**

**G. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Executive Session portion of these minutes are presented in the portion of these minutes named "EXECUTIVE SESSION".

**See Exhibit G.**

**H. OTHER ITEMS**

**1. Accepting the Minutes for November**

The official minutes of the Board of Supervisors were read for the month of November, 1997. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Supervisor=s for November, 1997 as presented this date pursuant to Section 19-3-27 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

**2. Animal Control**

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to approve the re-organization of the Animal Control Department in DeSoto County and advertise for a part time position in this department. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to recess until December 24th, 1997, at 10:00AM. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 11th day of December, 1997, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

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JOHN M. M. CALDWELL, President  
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors